

State Board Retreat

The State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education held a retreat Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at the Cove at BayCenter in Dewey Beach, Delaware. The retreat session began at 8:51 a.m. The following Board members were in attendance: Dr. Teri Quinn Gray, President; Nina Lou Bunting, Vice President; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr., and G. Patrick Heffernan. Donna R. Johnson, State Board Executive Director, and Deputy Attorney General Valerie Dunkle were also present.

There was a brief overview of the agenda for the retreat and discussion on the Board's key priorities for 2016-2017. It was explained that the key priorities document is not a new strategic plan but simply a summary of the Board's key priorities and focus areas for the school year. Standards and assessment, accountability and school supports, educators as catalysts and readiness for success are the four core areas.

Deputy Attorney General Dunkle provided the Board with a presentation on Boardmanship including ethics, FOIA and the Administrative Procedures Act.

The Board recessed from 11:15 a.m. to 11:31 A.M.

The Board reviewed the questionnaire from the Joint Sunset Committee and reviewed the timeline for the review.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:25 p.m.to 1:30 p.m.

Shannon Holston and Nermin Zubaca from the Teacher Leader Effectiveness Branch presented an update on the Educator Preparation Program Scorecards.

The Board recessed from 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The Board was provided an overview of ESSA. The Board has planned a one day retreat on November 3, 2016 to discuss the Department's initial draft plan.

The Retreat was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.